

1st - 9th July 2023

Masses and Services

Ramsey

Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Fr. Douglas Mc Millan	9.00 am	James Magee
Monday	10.00 am	Harry Arnold (Birthday)	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Private Intention	Midday.	Christine Leadley
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Residents of the Isle of Man Prison		
Thursday	10.00 am	Marion Richmond		
Friday	10.00 am	Aimee Mallorca		
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Seamus Cox	9.00 am	Intentions of Mgr. Devine

Confessions: **Ramsey** - Saturday, after 12.30pm Mass & 5.45 - 6.15pm;
Wednesday 7-7.20pm. **Peel** - Sunday, 8.30 - 8.50am

2nd collection this weekend for Peter's Pence.

Readings for the Week

3rd July 2023 - **Monday**

Eph 2:19-22; Ps:116:1,2; Jn 20:24-29

4th July 2023 - **Tuesday**

Gen 19:15-29; Ps 25:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

28th June 2023 - **Wednesday**

Gen 21:5, 8-20; Ps 33:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

29th June 2023 - **Thursday**

Gen 22:1-19; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

30th June 2023 - **Friday**

Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

31st June 2023 - **Saturday**

Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 134:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

Feastdays of the Week

Monday **St. Thomas.** Apostle

Tuesday **St. Elizabeth of Portugal.** 13th/14th century Queen of Portugal.

Thursday **St. Maria Goretti.** 19th/20th century virgin & martyr.

Prayer of the Faithful: Let all that is within me

Response: **bless God's holy name.**

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First Holy Communion

Profound thanks to all who contributed to our successful celebration of First Holy Communion and all associated with it. An especial word of gratitude to our Catechists for their tireless and dedicated work in preparing our young parishioners for the Sacraments. You are wonderful.

Thanks also to Maricho for the beautiful floral arrangements on the altar.

Strawberry Fair

Deep gratitude to all those who worked so hard on Friday and Saturday to ensure the great success of our Strawberry Fair. An incredible amount of work went into this Fair long before the day itself. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day of the Fair which was the busiest we have ever seen. I am sure Joseph walking the streets of Ramsey dressed as a huge Strawberry handing out leaflets must have had something to do with it!

Thanks also to Arabella who delighted us all with the beautiful music from her harp. Over two thousand pounds was raised for Church funds.

Ramsey SVP

Do you know someone who is lonely and would like a visit from Ramsey SVP? It may be someone in their own home, or maybe in a care home. If you know of anyone who would like a regular friendly visit from Ramsey SVP, please contact Phil Newton on 07624 251654. Thank you.

Pope Francis: Do not be afraid to suffer criticism or economic loss to be faithful to the Gospel

Pope Francis has urged Christians not to be afraid of suffering criticism, economic loss, and persecution for being faithful to what the Church teaches. "There is a cost to remain faithful to what counts. The cost is going against the tide, freeing oneself from being conditioned by popular opinion, being separated from those who 'follow the current,'" Pope Francis said June 25. In his Sunday Angelus address, the Pope underlined how Jesus' words "do not be afraid" still apply today. He reflected in particular on Jesus' warning in the Gospel of Matthew: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" (Mt 10:28). Pope Francis said: "It was like saying: You do not need so much to be afraid of suffering misunderstanding and criticism, of losing prestige and economic advantages to remain faithful to the Gospel, but of wasting your existence in the pursuit of trivial things that do not fill life with meaning." The Pope explained how Jesus told his disciples not to be afraid shortly after telling them about the persecutions that they would have to undergo for the Gospel, something, he noted, that still applies today. "Since her beginning, in fact, the Church has experienced many persecutions, along with joys — of which there have been many. It seems paradoxical: The proclamation of the Kingdom of God is a message of peace and justice, founded on fraternal charity and on forgiveness; and yet it meets with opposition, violence, and persecution," he said. "Jesus, however, says not to fear, not because everything will be all right in the world, no, but because we are precious to his Father and nothing that is good will be lost."

Pope Francis added that Jesus' warning means that the only true fear one should have is of throwing one's life away chasing things that do not ultimately matter.

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